Millions Wrung In Profits From Labor Used To Fight Socialism

By LUCIEN SAINT (Special Correspondence.)

ASHINGTON. — Three millions of dollars, wrung in profits from the laborers of the United States, have been invested by the Republican and Democratic parties to beat Socialism and elect a cap-

pre-election returns, just filed in Washing-

Less than 75,000 individuals contributed this vast sum. The majority of this 75,000 are trust magnates, bankers, officials and job hunters. The contributors to the suc-

italistic President. This is the story of the | cessful candidate will be rewarded with high | is an alleged Democracy! offices under the next Administration.

> Both parties claim to represent the people. Out of the fifteen million and more voters in the United States, less than one half of one per cent gives financial support to the parties of wealth and privilege! Yet this

The Steel Trust, the International Harvester Trust, the Money Trust, the Armament Trust, the Transportation Trust, the Food Combine—these are the contributors to the Wilson-Hughes-Hughes-Wilson campaigns. Whoever gets elected, they win. Whoever

wins, the 100,000,000 of the American people lose.

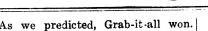
As against these vast interests, the party of the working people, with 100,000 dues paying members, has raised only \$30,000 to fight capitalism. It is David against Goliath. David finally conquered Goliath.

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Of Two Evils

By JOHN M. WORK. BELIEVE it was Charles Summer who said, "Of two evils I will who said. choose neither." Sometimes you can't help yourself, but have to make a choice between

Such is not the case in the present

political campaign, however.

The republican and democratic parties are both evil. They both stand for the continuation of the present capitalist system of industry.

UNDER this system, the industries, and most of the alleged homes, are owned by a few. Their private ownership of these things enables these few to get for themselves, without earning it, the bulk of the earnings of the rest of the people. The rest of the people have to work in the industries or starve to death. Since these few own the industries, they therefore have the power to compel the rest of the people to work for them for a fraction of the value of

The rest of the people are also constantly compelled by their needs to buy the necessities of life. These few own the mercantile institutions. They therefore have the power to compel the rest of the people to pay enormous prices for the things they buy.

The rest of the people also have to live somewhere. Since these few own most of the places to live, they therefore have the power to charge the rest of the people outrageously high rent.

As a result of all this, the capital ist system takes most of the earnings of the useful many right away from them and hands these earnings over to the useless few, in the form of profits, dividends, interest, and rent.

THE republican and democratic parties both stand for the continuation of the capitalist system. There-fore, they both stand for the continitalists have had their retainers fightned robbery of the many by the few. They are both evil.

But we don't have to choose either of these evils.

The Socialist party stands for the collective ownership and control of the manufacturing, transporting and mercantile industries and the rented homes. Ownership by the public, by while you are a master.

of the whole people, instead of being run for the benefit of a few, as they are now. The people will get their full earnings. They will buy the things they need at the actual cost of pro- the American workers has; and so duction. They will pay as rent only the cost of upkeep and depreciation. himself poorer. The republican and democratic par-

ties are run for the benefit of the use-.

THE SOCIALIST party is run for education. the benefit of the useful many.

Joker In Child Labor And Fake Tears Exposed

(Special Correspondence) about the passage of which at the ists lose, but Socialism wins always eleventh hour in the last Congress the Democrats are boasting, is a fake. It owners. Wilson knew that it had been jokered when he signed it. A. J. Mc-Kelway, secretary of the child labor then the battle comes next. committee, is a southern Democrat.

There's a reason for everything. strenuously opposed by the mill owners. The original bill passed the has sold his freedom and has a slim House. It went to the Senate. There chance of remaining clean and honest it hung for many long weeks. The The odds are too great. end of the session approached. Quite as it were by accident, the President, Hon. Woody Wilson, strolled into the Senate, conferred with Senators, and strolled out. Before another week had rassed, the child labor bill had been jokered and enacted. The President signed it, confessing to great emotion. It was the first time he had expressed any interest at all in this legislation, which had been kicking around Congress for ten or twenty years Flection day was drawing near.

The joker is simple and efficient. It provides that if children were employed within thirty days before the goods are offered for shipment in interstate commerce, the goods cannot be shipped. All the manufacturer has to do is to hold his goods for thirty days after they have been manufactured, and then ship them.
The joker O. K's child labor. By

As we predicted, Grab-it-all won. The tide may turn, but the bound never do.

Capitalism is a vulture that tries to act as advance agent for the stork. All the world is hell bent for profit,

Leisure is one reward for labor, but the other fellow gets it.

interest and rent. ,

There may be a high cost of living, but life itself still remains very cheap. There is nothing higher in life than

When the mind is shackled by prejudice or ignorance the body cannot

If you have something for a rainy day the parasites will rob you of it just before the rain comes.

Pinch yourself, Mr. Worker, and possibly the other fellow will not pinch you after you are awake.

Jesus had an advantage over the modern worker. He was crucified between two thieves only.

The capitalist system is a sentence to hard labor for life of the really useful people of the world.

Since labor is a commodity, why shouldn't it go skally-hooting up like other commodities?

It generally happens under capitalism that the longer a man lives the shorter he gets.

Dupont, the powder senator, is in favor of preparedness. It means big contracts for him. The government did not absorb the

trust, and so the trust has absorbed the government. American capitalists hope to grab

Stocks and bonds are counted valuable; but the workers who give their lives to make them valuable are merely "hands" and "jays."

You can't be truly good so long as you are a slave. You can't be moral

the people as a whole.

They will then be run for the benefit | Capitalism is rapidly making itself

The hallot is about the only wealth often he uses it in a way to make

When you "give" your ballot to an old party candidate you give with it the chance to give your child a good

They tell you that Wilson kept us out of war; tut he did provide that any citizen might be drafted into the army in case of war.

But the Socialist party won, too as we also predicted. Sometimes Washington. The child labor bill, Socialists win and sometimes Social

Balloting criginated on the field of was jokered to suit the interests and battle, to determine which army was profits of the southern cotton mill the more numerous, the victory being

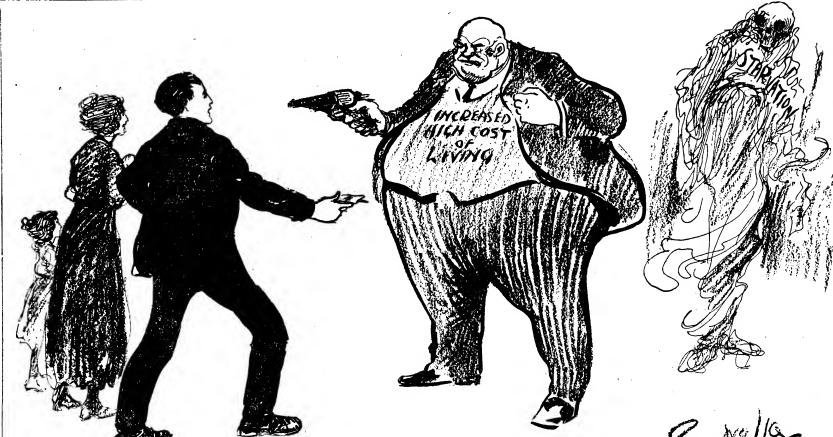
It is a sad spectacle, that of the The original child labor bill was clean, honest man just elected to any crenuously opposed by the mill own-office by one of the old parties. He

> It has been said that Morgon, Sr made \$200,000,000 in his lifetime Morgan, Jr., we are told, has made an equal amount in the last two years. Still Wilson said, "the democrats have broken the grip of the money power.

It is hard to say how many votes were wasted, but we know how many were not wasted-all those cast for the Socialist candidates. A man who votes for a principle never throws his vote away.

The workers make the guns, use the guns, and feed their lives to the open mouths of the guns. The masters get pay for the guns, never use the guns, and make money out of the work of the guns in other men's

All republican and democratic win-



GRAB IT ALL: After me the Deluge!

Fooling The People!

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE)

■ASHINGTON.—A vote for Wilson is NOT a vote for the interests of the laboring man, a vote for peace, or a vote for

A vote for Hughes is exactly the same. A vote for Benson is a vote for industrial freedom and for the common people.

Both the Republican and Democratic parties are engaged in a last ditch attempt to terrify the country by holding up to it a spectacle of calamity in case their opponents win the election next week. Investigations conducted by impartial government experts disprove these campaign claims, and support the Socialist contention.

FOR example:

The Department of Labor has shown that the cost of living has risen under Wilson; that wages have not kept pace with this rise; that strikes and lockouts are increasing in number; that the gigantic industrial combinations are employing private armies to enforce their rule of might.

The Department of Justice and the Department of Commerce have information in their files to show that the trusts are bigger and more predatory than ever before; that prices of the necessaries of life are controlled in the interests of the trusts; that the laws of the land are being daily violated by combinations in restraint of trade; and that hundreds of thousands of acres of land, stolen from the people by the lumbering and transportation interests, are still in the possession of these in-

THE Department of Agriculture knows tho it does not state it at this time—that the food of the people is doped, poisoned and shortweighted; that farm tenancy is growing to an alarming extent; that a gigantic trust controls the water power resources of the nation and has blackmailed Congress into inaction; that the workers on the farms are getting lower and lower wages in proportion to the value created | wage slavery?

THEY CAN HELP EACH OTHER. ment should advertise the banks ex- make loans," said Kennedy. "They An example of how a Socialist ald- tensively. "This program," said Alderman erman can help a Socialist congress- Kennedy, "is intended to supplement

by their work; that "we" are producing more foodstuffs than the people can possibly eat, and that instead of distributing these foodstuffs, "we" are seeking with our-navy for foreign markets.

The Department of War says that we are at war, while Wilson says that we are at peace; that more American men have been killed in the last four years while engaged in protecting American property in Mexico than in an equal period since the Spanish war; that the American people want peace and will not send their sons into the army for Wall Street and the Armor Trust.

The Navy Department says the same thing. It adds that private profit, represented by the Steel Trust, is bleeding the government annually to the extent of millions of dollars of graft.

The Post Office Department has laid down on the job of furnishing the people with cheap parcel post, is allowing the express companies to wax fat and prosper, and is piling up a surplus at the expense of the workers who do the work of handling the mails.

EVERY Department of the United States Government, from the Supreme Court down, is run in the interests of the capitalists. This has been demonstrated again and again and again by the Government's own investigators.

BUT THE TRUTH IS SUPPRESSED BY THE BI-PARTISAN GROUP OF FIN-ANCIERS WHO WISH TO CONSERVE THEIR OWN PROPERTY INTERESTS.

Both Republicans and Democrats know these things to be facts, and both are allied in an illicit alliance to conceal them, fool the people, and hold their jobs.

A HIGH government official told this correspondent recently that the United States can not avoid an armed social revolution unless "something is done".

Who proposes the right "something"?-Hughes with his piffle about Americanism, Wilson with his piffle about Americanism, or Benson with his constructive program which looks to the abolition of the wage sytem and

could invest in municipal bonds and create a staple market for them. Perhaps 50 or 60 per cent of the postal savings deposits are now deposited in man in affecting national legislation rather than supplant the proposed

resolution will be passed if properly

handled on the floor".

Socialists elected to congress have made a consistent fight for the extension of the postal savings. That the city council in the nation's second city favors such a move will have some weight in Washington.

Let Railroads Rule

(Special Correspondence.) Washington. — Government owner-ship of the railroads, and even strict government regulation, has been indefinitely postponed by the powers that be in the Democratic administration. The railroads are to have their own say in Congress as long as Wilson is in power.

A few days after election a joint committee of the House and Senate will undertake an investigation into tion. The railroads are to have their

the need for railroad legislation. This investigation was urged by Wilson a year ago in his message to Congress. He urged it because the rail-

Wilson Bargains With Railroads.

What amounts to a bargain has been concluded between the railroads and Wilson. In return for the eighthour day, which will not hurt the roads, Wilson has as good as promised them a raise in freight rates, and any other legislation which they desire. It was Wilson who when he became President, advocated a bill for the federal regulation of railroad securities. Later, learning that the rail-roads had a lot of watered stock which they must get rid of to an unsuspecting public, he dropped this bill suspecting public, he dropped this bill
from his trust program, proposing
the investigation instead. The investigation will dig into the securities
matter—just as a special commission
appointed by Taft dug into it six
years ago, rendering a report to
which no one paid any attention.

It was Wilson who appointed Hall
and Daniels to the Interstate Commerce Commission, against the righteous uproar from all honest men.

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Buncomb Becomes Tragic.

And it was this same Wilson who, furthermore, has totally ignored the recommendation of his postmaster general to socialize the telephone and telegraph system of the United States.

It is this same Wilson who is bidding for radical support on the ground that he is "as good as" a Socialist!

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Our Contributions Were All "In Small Sums"

When the first report of the Socialwhen this report of the Social-ist national campaign receipts and ex-penditures were filed at Washington, D. C., the Associated Press sent out the following news dispatch to its clients:

\$24,558 GIVEN TO SOCIALISTS. Campaign Financial Statement Filed With Clerk of House.

Washington, Nov. 4.—A campaign financial statement for the socialist party filed with the clerk of the house today showed contributions of \$24,558 up to Oct. 1 and expenditures of \$18,483. The report showed that most of the expenditures had been in Oklahoma, Wisconsin, New York, Indiana and Nevada where the socialists have congressional candidates. All contributions were in small sums.

WHERE MONEY COMES FROM. One of the sources of revenue for the Socialist campaign was the "Million Dime Fund". The latest report on the contributions to this fund is as follows:

Total number of dimes received up to and including Tuesday, Oct. 31

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gress. He urged it because the railroads wanted it. And the railroads wanted it so as to head off the government ownership campaign, and for the further purpose of fastening their grip on the Interstate Commerce Commission, which, thanks to Wilson's reactionary appointments, is the best friend the carriers have.

A progressive Republican—not a Democrat,—forced Congress to include in this investigation a study into government ownership. Neither the Democratic party nor the railroads desired this phase to be looked into, for the "probe" was to be for the railroads, and not for the public.

Wilson Bargains With Railroads.

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There were many stages of development between the stone age and the period of representative government Opposition was encountered at every stage to every change that was made. Now, which class of people would men and women of our day feel most

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society outgrew its usefulness, so has our present order of capitalism ful-filled its mission. As justice is no longer possible under the existing branches in the two counties of Fulregime, another step forward is now found necessary. Co-operation in industry must supercede the competisystem. And so the forces of proare laboring to substitute

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NOTHER problem that is creating a great deal of feeling in labor circles in Great Britain is the plight of the old age pensioners, about 1,000,000 of whom are on the Their allowance is \$1.25 per week, but owing to the high cost of planning a full share for each and necessary food production the pension every one." 25 has actually depreciated to about six

special provision for the pensioners while the war lasts, but the states while the war lasts, but the states men are disinclined to concede the request.

The plan of work in the state covers ix months for the first effort. Membership has increased from fity to two hundred in three weeks. A list of three hundred names was worked over and sufficient signatures secured to form half of the ward organizations without leaving the local, and have two and three in the others, and they and Comrade Cook together were the Steel Trust's activities in Minnesota, and have two and three in the others, and they and Comrade Cook together were the Steel Apple Competition of the working conditions.

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107 tne teaching and training of Socialist workers—and started out to awaken the dead South to a sense of true freedom. He labored and agonized and strode thru the cotton-fields for a few years, and then came back to New York to get a fresh start to New York to get a fresh start.

He has now taken up the state work in Georgia under the following plans: He found Local Atlanta, the headquarters of what skeleton of an organization there is, almost defunct, and commenced reorganization along ward lines. Seven branches were or-ganized in the counties of Fulton and DeKalb as a local, a unit. One branch is the revived South Bend Branch; and thus six of the ten city wards

were organized. Out thru the state the work is Atlanta for another week, down to governorship fight? Macon for two weeks, Augusta several weeks.

in their counties. By the time he re-turns to Atlanta he expects to be able to organize the remaining wards in Atlanta, also several suburbs. He has a branch meeting for each night in the week, and works up the membership during the day.

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of real enthusiasm, and now the local is solidly behind my methods, and rapidly getting into line for a good campaign during September and October.

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form, the Cleveland, the Dayton, the Oklahoma, and then some few new

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"My list shows there have been some two hundred active members in Local Atlanta at one time or another who have lost interest on account of there being no work to do. I am

The work in other cities will be the

better harmony in preparing for the

coming trade war. man is president of the Leather Workers' Union. Cause of arrest is not given, but he probably agitated

At least two Socialists have been elected in Uruguay to a national convention to formulate a new constitution for that country. It is quite certain that the new document will contain some important concessions to

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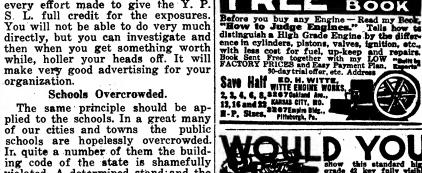


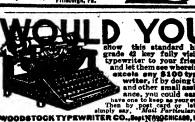
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Shoe trade who has been a shoemaker over day. They are the best paid workmen around him, from that time on, all you cannot do the same work for Socialism outside of the party that NOTE-This is written by an expert of the often earn as high as \$7 or \$8 per on several trading shoe journals of the counfew others scattered thru the various departments. In the stitching-room, makes a thousand pairs of shoes a number of unorganized Socialists. Most shoemakers have never made some of the men vampers can earn day, 5,000 pairs or 10,000 pairs, it is

> Getting Three Times As Much. On the whole, it may be said that the average wages earned, even in like 40 years ago with just about \$500 the best shoe factories, will not go which he had saved himself. Today above \$3 per day This is a very high he is worth at least \$5,000,000 and estimate and shoemakers can proball the time he has lived on the very ably earn that even tho they are best, had steam yachts, automobiles, getting only 60 cents a pair for pro- palaces and everything else. ducing \$4 shoes, but under public same may be said of George E. Keith, ownership they would receive at least who also started at Brockton somethree times as much, or \$9 a day thing like 40 years ago and is now under the very lowest reckoning and worth probably \$10,000,000. Both of that, too, without charging one cent these carry on business on a very more for the finished product to the large scale, employ thousands of consumer.

ernment something to distribute the but they are actually becoming the goods but that would be done under absolute masters of the men and the most scientific methods and the women who depend upon the shoe Georgia—Mrs. Mary Raoul Millis, 229 man, Abington, the Weymouths, Manchester, N. H., St. Louis, Mo., Auburn, Me., Milwaukee, Wis., and every other center making men's shoes, retailing for \$4 and unward stamps.

Ituli cost of that department would trade. A nod from them will give a wage-slave work or a nod will reduce him to idleness and despair. In the could be conducted just as scientifically as the distribution of postage stamps. stamps, and all the saving made perity, and production will be carried would naturally go back to the work- on just so long as it is profitable for ers where it belongs.

Retailers are often heard to say that they do not make much money in the retail shoe business nor do they, when we come to estimate their city making ladies' fine goods, which life's work. Each retailer can make sell at \$4 and above, nets the retailer only a very few sales at best, and to be a laster in Lynn, and in that anywhere from \$1.50 up to \$3 per even tho they would make \$1.50 or city he made his first start in a small pair profit.

\$2 per pair on each sale, they could way. He had a few hundred dollars, Take a pair of shoes retailing at not grow wealthy because they are

100,000 Retailers. There are in round numbers something like 100,000 shoe retailers in the United States, all of whom must get an enormous profit from each makes a profit of at least \$1.40 on pair of shoes sold because they sell every pair of \$4 shoes. Now, the shoes so few and it is because they sell so so few and it is because they sell so few that the rate of profit is so high, ducing those shoes, get just about but whether it is high or low, every cent that they filch from the consumer represents a dead loss and when the people come to understand the game, they will speedily do away with the retailer as this class is not required at all under a scientific system of wealth-production and distri-

Altho the retailers get the largest proportion of profit from the sale of hoes, till, none of them can ever Now, under public ownership of hope to become enormously rich the shoe industry, the people would same as the manufacturers. Undersell these same shoes at \$4 a pair to stand that there are many different the consumer, and the shoemakers avenues of profit in the shoe industry would then receive the \$1.40 per pair as the manufacturers, the jobbers, which now goes to the retailer, together with the sixty cents they alall of the others must live at the exready get. Any shoemaker who will pense of the workers. There are 101 give some attention to this matter different items of expense that could and figure it up will see that the be lopped off and every cent saved manufacturing also and are repre-workers in the factory would then be on each of these would go into the sented by the Hamilton Brown Com-

ines, such as the welter and inseamer, probably represents his own saving.

Annually

He may have \$500 or \$1000, all of which he probably earned and saved himself and every cent belongs to

blood of the workingmen and women

Making Millionaires.

W. L. Douglas started something large scale, employ thousands of hands, and are not only piling up Dist. of Col.—J. Webb Richman, 81: Naturally, it would cost the gov- wealth to a greater extent each year them to do so and not a minute

longer.
What is true of the men's trade is also true of the women's. Take the case of T. G. Plant, for instance, the Queen Quality man. Tom Plant used together with some big ideas, and from the moment he started, he made a success of the shoe business. He operated less than 25 years in all and during that time his factory has grown to such dimensions that he sold out his interest for something like \$7,000,000 according to the best reports. The Queen Quality plant, now located at Boston, is the largest men and women are employed there. It makes no difference where you go, you will find that the big manufacturers and in fact, all manufacturers, are reaping the benefit of modern progress. The late Charles K. Fox of Haverhill, was only a clerk thirty-odd years ago, and when he died he left something like three-quarters of a million dollars. This represented a part of what he was able to retain from the total product of the turn workmen of Haverhill and what is said of him will apply to all other manufacturers in Haverhill or

What Socialism Has To Offer. In the jobbing field, there are almost as many millionaires, and the largest of these are probably found in St. Louis. Some of them carry on pany, the Brown Shoe Company, Roberts, Johnson & Rand, and other when a manufacturer starts buset.

Operators on the Goodyear maches, such as the welter and inseamer.

when a manufacturer starts buswell-known firms, all of whom have
become very wealthy in the past
generation or so because they were

King St... Charleston

King St... Charleston get a profit out of every pair they

The Socialist Party has something to offer the working people of this country and when it speaks of the full value of your product it means full value of your product it means just what it says. Every five-cent cigar sold over the counter, nets a profit of more than two cents to the retailer, while the worker who made that cigar, probably received a half-cent. Under public ownership, the worker would get the two cents now going to the retailer, together with the half-cent he now receives, which would give him at least three or four times as much wages as he now gets. And what is said of shoemakers and cigarmakers, will apply to every other trade and industry. In all of them, the employers, retailers, wholesalers, capitalists and other non-pro-ducers are reaping the whole henefit of our civilization, while the workers have nothing to show for their labor, no matter how many years they toil or how hard they toil. They simply get enough to keep them in working condition just like a hore, ox, or other animal and it will continue this way just so long as the working men of the United States persist in voting against themselves and families and vote for the capitalist class which is robbing them of every dollar they create just as fast as it is created.

Speaking of political conditions among the working class in Ireland, the Glasgow Forward says: "Connolly's death has removed a mountain of prejudice against socialism. 'He was a Socialist and he died for Ireland.' This is a common remark among the Irish population. They are now interested in Connolly, and in Connolly's views. Prejudice removed, the whole tragedy of Irish working class life will reveal itself to the Celtic mind. The Irish leaving Ireland in tens of thousands because the land was privately owned, and the means of life controlled for private profit; their landing in a foreign country, unskilled, uneducated and suspected; their employment at the most menial occupational and at the lowest wages; their consequent low standard of living, poor housing, poor feeding, bad drinking, diseased condition, all in order that employers, house factors order that employers, house factors over wants enough figs raised to order that employers, house factors and food merchants might make profit out of their existence; their rapid degeneracy, decline and appalling death rate, that must shock every student of the history of Irish emigration, all this is now becoming clear to tens of thousands of Irishmen, who resolutely refused in the past to look facts in the face. It looks as if the stupidity of the ruling class was a divine arrangement after all."

cwnner wants enough figs raised to supply a co-operative canning factory. You can secure five acres and an interest in the canning factory. You can secure five acres and an interest in the canning factory. You can secure five acres and an interest in the canning factory. You can secure five acres and an interest in the canning factory. You can secure five acres and an interest in the canning factory. You can secure five acres and an interest in the canning factory. You can secure five acres and an interest in the canning factory by writing the Eubank Farms Compantion, all this is now becoming clear to tens of thousands of Irishmen, who resolutely refused in the past to look facts in the face. It looks as if the stupidity of the ruling class was a divine arrangement after all."

Join The Party socialist, it is another thing to BE one

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of times before then in various parts

-and 1920 is not so very far off.

Israel Zangwill declares that the

Right you are Israel and there too is

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In ancient Greece a father had the

right to raise his child or kill it, as

pockets of the toilers and producers

where they rightly belong.

best suited himself. He was the ab-

There is no better time to join the im by right.

But, from the day he starts busthe organization and help build for a

travelled all over the United States in the some other operators who also earn represent his own earnings but what you can do as one of its dues paying

If there is no local of the Socialist will help you build up an organization in your locality. After the great work of agitation and education that has been carried on during the national campaign we must start on the equally necessary work of organiza-tion. The list of Socialist state secretaries revised up to date is as follows:

always be easier to enter. And our Alabama-John Hauge, Robertsdale. vote will get a lot of post-election Alaska—Chas. Ganty, Anchorage. Arizona—Alice Eddy, 38 South Fourth consideration. Ave., Phoenix. The Prohibition party, says friend rkansas-Freda Hogan, Huntington Hanly, is the only real progressive party in the business. Progressive in California—T. W. Williams, 1307 W. 45th St., Los Angeles.

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Delaware—Frank A. Hauck, 1802 W.

E. St., N. W., Washington. Florida—Geo. White, 2114 Hubbard St., Jacksonville. enroll as students.

Mansur Block, Indianapolis, Iowa—I. S. McCrillis, Park Avenue

Station, Des Moines. Kansas—G. W. Kleihege, 1201 New Jersey St. Lawrence. Kentucky—J. L. Stark, 715 So. 6th St.,

Louisville.
Louisiana—J. R. Jones, Georgetown.
Maine—Fred E. Irish, 57 Chestnut St., Bath, Me. Maryland-Karl Hartig, 1463 Andre St., Baltimore.

Massachusetts-James Oneal, 14 Park Square, Room 7, Boston.

Michigan—John Keracher, 512 Dix Ave. Detroit.
Minnesota—A. O. Devold, 226 4th St.,

So. Minneapolis.

Mississippi—Ida M. Raymond, R. R. No. 3, Jackson. Missouri-Otto Vierling, 966 Chouteau factory in the world producing Ave., St. Louis.
women's shoes, and several thousand Montana—Albert F. Meissner, Room

Nebraska—G. C. Porter, 609 World
Herald Bldg., Omaha.

Nevada—Justus E. Taylor, P. O. Box

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New Hampshire—Fred E. Irish, 57 Chestnut St., Bath, Me. when he started making shoes some New Jersey—Milo C. Jones, 124 Mar ket St., Newark. New Mexico—C. B. Lane, Alto. New York—U. Solomon, Room 912, ket St., Newark.

New Mexico—C. B. Lane, Alto.

New York—U. Solomon, Room
41 Union Sq., New York City.

North Carolina—C. M. White,
162, Concord.

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North Dakota—H. R. Martinson, Box stead of a knife or a bludgeon. 717, Minot. Ohio—O. G. Van Schoyck 101 N

Ohio—O. G. Van Schoyck. 101 N.
High St., Columbus.

Oklahoma—H. M. Sinclair, Room 414

States and defending her own she will defend and conserve the common income tax. Not conserve the common income tax. Not conserve the common income tax. Scott Thompson Bldg., City.

-Victor J. McCone, Arion Hall, Oregon-231½ Oak St., Portland. Pennsylvania—Robert B. Ringler, Walnut St., Reading.

ton. Tennessee-L. R. Robinson, 2609 E.

Vermont—David D. Smith, Webster ville. Virginia-B. F. Ginther, Brookneal. Box

Washington—Emil Herman, 491, Everett. West Virginia—Edwin Firth, 7th Ave., Huntington. Wisconsin—F. W. Rehfeld, Brisbane Hall, Milwaukee Wyoming—D. A. Hastings, 2302 Bent St., Cheyenne.

What Is Socialism?

Socialism stands for a new civilization.

It is a world-wide movement of the working class and its sympathizers for better food, better clothing, better homes, more education and culture—in short, a more abundant

Socialism starts out with two terrific propositions, to-wit:

1. All men are brothers, not merely brothers in name, but brothers in fact, with a common blood, common interests, common cause. The welfare of one of us is the brotherly concern of all of us, and being brethren, all war and strife and hatred should cease.

not for private profit.

With these ideas in mind, the Socialists make some very definite, constructive proposals:

In the political field we demand the rule of the people, i. e., democracy. In the economic field we demand the public ownership of public utilities.

IS HE CRAZY?

The owner of a large plantation in Mississippi, where the fine figs grow, is giving away a few five-

It is one thing to CALL yourself a One Reason Why Women Now watch the women get suffrage By CARL D. THOMPSON.

very woman ought to have Roosevelt is still braying and in Europe his breed are still slaying. a home of her own. So ought every man. Yet there are 9,728,157 men and And you Socialists who voted for

8,294,791 women over twenty years good wages and these include the he has been able to take from the members. A small body of organized the old party candidates! Aren't you of age in the United States who have edge trimmers, edge setters, and a workers. He may get only twenty- Socialists can do much better and ashamed of yourselves? You'll have no homes. Over 18,000,000 peoples—adult men

and women—one third of the entire adult population of the nation, living The class-conscious workingman sheds light among his fellows and feels the responsibility that rests upon outside the nome relationship. Over 13,000,000 of these are "single",—never married and the great majority of them never to be him for the emancipation of his class. 1920 is next—and there is going to married. Childless mothers. Mothbe something doing then. Also there ers-never-to-be. Homeless men Fathis going to be something doing a lot ers never-to-be.

> Homeless. It is an impossible condition.

We got a wedge into the capitalist press this time. From now on it will Woman Heaviest Sufferer. Woman is now and ever must be the heaviest sufferer in all these human tragedies. The disintegration of the home imperils civilization. But it crucifies woman.

Now, if people are to have homes they must have incomes sufficient to support them. With the wages of the what? not in voting power, at least. Don't let those Socialist clubs did They will be needed at every local, state and congressional election The greatest school in the world ing only \$600 per year, hundreds of thousands only \$500 a year, and many is the United States, and the greatest course of study is Socialism. Our 1916 vote will make a lot more of them thousands even less what becomes of the home?

The Wall street highbinders are Home For Them Impossible. fearfully wrought up over the un-prepared state of the country to join For them the home is impossible. Or if undertaken at all means unthe countries of Europe in the free-for-all to hell.

Of It undertaken, abject poverty, misery and distress for all concerned. So long as men when single and alone Continue the literature campaign. find it difficult to earn enough to keep A 1920 vote won early means several their heads above water they are won by the next election. Now that going to hesitate before trying to carry a wife and children on their there are fewer speeches to listen to, the voters will have time to read, backs

Over 9,700,000 men are hesitating now. The great majority of them will maxim "To safeguard peace we must prepare for war" was forged in hell. never undertake it.

And, for every man without a home—some woman is without a And, too, mark well,-every homeless man and every homeless woman

is sooner or later a menace to the We have a young friend who cast is sooner or later a menace to the his first presidential vote Tuesday. He homes of those who have them. It voted for Hughes, and when asked is not alone the spread and increase why, the only reason he could give was of professional prostitution that that his father and grandfather did. menaces the home. It is the increas-His grandfather is one of Chicago's ing number of women who supplebest known land-lords and his father's ment their wages and secure their only occupation is "administrator" of pleasures by "occasional immoralit-

Concerns Us All. Thus the homelessness of one man or of one woman becomes the concern of every man and every woman in the nation. It is a common concern of the most immediate and intimate solute proprietor of his offspring. The nature. The women of this and every father may no longer kill his own other nation are realizing these facts

ing in every civilized nation on earth in the defense of her most vital and There are, according to the returns, essential concern. And in concerning one of these represents a workingman.
All are exploiters and parasites and state itself. Her influence and her they absorb the stupendous profits state itself. Her influence and her produced by the working class and then wonder why there is industrial unrest in the land. Socialism proposes to turn these rich incomes into the o turn these rich incomes into the element.

And this is one of the reasons why believe that woman should have Fifth: That the government, munbelieve that woman should have consin's far-famed progressive and pro-labor legislation is due to the Socialists. "We originated the laws and then LaFollette and his progressives passed them." La Follette used to whip his followers into line by scaring them; he would say 'the red goblins will get you if you don't watch out", is the way Berger puts it.

every instinct and immediate concern will put her finally on the side of those who are striving and support a family; on the side of those who are striving for preparedness—preparedness—preparedness—preparedness—special stripe in the side of those who are striving on the side of those who are striving for preparedness—preparedness—special stripe in the side of those who are striving for preparedness—special stripe in the side of those who are striving for preparedness—special stripe in the side of those who are striving to respect to make it easier for men to earn a living and support a family; for preparedness—special stripe in the side of those who are striving to a stripe in the side of those who are striving to a stripe in the side of those who are striving to a stripe in the side of those who are striving to a stripe in the side of

conditions, just because these things make it possible for more people to Should Have The Vote marry, to have homes and live in

comfort and satisfaction. Woman will help in these struggles just because she will see more and more clearly, as all of us are seeing, that in these ways only can she make possible for herself, by making possible for all women and for all men the one thing above all others, the one supreme hope and purpose of her life, and the very corner stone of our civilization—the kome.

An Appeal To Youth By ROBERT WARK

(National Organizer Y. P. S. L.) (An extract from a speech entitled "America's Future—Her Youth.")

The future of this country lies-not in those who are being trained by the masters in the gentle art of killing,— not in those who are forced at an early age to follow the trade of their forefathers in the factories, mines and mills-the future of America lies in those of younger generation who are sound in mind and body and who are filled with the spirit of rebelli**on** against present day conditions.

The Youth of today are playing an great mass of the people—the wage workers averaging less than \$600 per year when from \$750 to \$1,000 per year is admittedly the least upon sound of body striving more and more sound of body are playing an important part in the rebuilding of year when from \$750 to \$1,000 per year is admittedly the least upon sound of body striving more and more sound of body are playing an important part in the rebuilding of year when an and women, clean of mind and sound of body are playing an important part in the rebuilding of year when from \$750 to \$1,000 per year year is admittedly the least upon which a man can live and support a family with the ordinary recessities to provide for their fellowmen a world family with the ordinary recessities to provide for their fellowmen a world and decencies of life, the family is in which all of the people will enjoy imperilled. With millions of men earn-

America's future is being molded by the revolutionary forces at work today. Among these forces, the Socialist Party ranks foremost, and it is upon the younger generation that this party must depend for the tireless and energetic workers who are so necessary to the upbuilding of any structure, — especially the social structure which is being erected upon the ruins of our present system of society.

Young men and women, you hold in the hollow of your hand the destinies of this republic. Upon your decision depends whether society moves for-ward at a rapid pace to establish a new economic order or whether we shall be bound more securely than ever before by those who are now masters of our bread. Arouse yourselves! Put aside those things which are trivial and enter the fight with all of your mind, with all of your body, and with all of your soul.

What Socialism Means

Broadly speaking it means: First: That the means of production and distribution of wealth which are social and public in nature should be publicly owned. This would include the coal, oil and iron lands, the rivers, forests and other natural resources. It would also include all the great public utilities such as railroads, telegraph, express companies, and, in short, all the great trusts and mon-

opolies. Second: That all social utilities, being collectively owned, shall be under democratic control for the tenefit of all who work, in order that profit-making, whereby one person ex-ploits another, shall be abolished.

Third: That all who are able shall be given opportunity to labor in the collectively owned industries and each shall receive the full product of his

Fourth: That each shall have for his own private property all that his labor earns of food and clothing, sneiter.

The size of our vote will be reflected in the next old party platforms to be drawn. Just watch them give in! Victor Berger says that all of Wisconsin's far-famed progressive and reconsin's far-famed progressive and reconsint far-famed progressive and reconsing far-famed progressive and reconsideration far-family far-famed progressive and reconsideration far-famed progressive and reconsideration far-family far-famed p consin's far-famed progressive and every instinct and immediate concern complished by means of the initiative,



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The leading theatres, opera houses, educational institutions are within a reasonable walk or short ride. The homes of the four Socialist dailies, The Call, The Forward, The Volkszeitung, and Yet the greater part of the work is and ought to be various students. The Rand School has no interest Elore are easily accessible.

Occasionally the students arrange field work excursions and among the institutions and places visited by them accompanied employed in the movement; but it is equally proud students, it considers each one by itself. Someby a guide and instructor are:

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Explanation Of The Full Time Course

localities and organizations.

much from the six-months course and after com- smooth the way for him. pleting it can be of great service to the cause.

What the Full-Time Department of the Rand | partly on his native ability, and to some extent on School offers may properly be described as a his previous attainments. But it is to be remembered students to serve the movement, not on helping them | it by learning from daily experience. Among the to get paid positions in it. The growth of the party, students who have done credit to the Rand School the unions, their auxiliary institutions, and their are some who held college diplomas and some who increased demand for competent men and women The course is flexible, both methods and subject to give their whole time as speakers, editors, man- matter being modified wherever necessary to suit agers, secretaries, organizers, teachers, and so forth. them to the individual needs and aptitudes of the done by volunteers. The Rand School is proud of in attracting large numbers, merely for the sake several of its graduates who are today regularly of numbers. In consulting with prospective of others, who are earning their bread in private times it deliberately discourages a person who employ and doing unpaid work in their respective thinks of taking up the course, because for one reason or another, it doubts whether his doing so Five years' experience has amply proved that would ultimately be worth while for the movement those who are willing to work hard and abide by or for himself. In other cases it feels justified in the democratic discipline of the school can gain urging the inquirer to come and takes pains to

All full-time students who are members of the It is safe to say that few if any of those who have Socialist Party are expected to transfer to Local attended the course have ever regretted the time New York and not to neglect the duties of memand money it cost.

How much the student can accomplish during school term, accept nomination to any office or a term at the Rand School will of course dependent delegate committee of the local.

STEPHEN J. MAHONEY, Candidate for Lieut. every day I am reminded of the lasting benefits I received by attending the Full Time Course at the Rand School. I can heartily recommend this course for all earnest young men and women who desire a systematized and organized knowledge of the Socialist and

MAX SHEROVER, 1911-12, Head of the Literature Department of the National Office Socialist Party. "The education given me in such a democratic and comradely manner by the members of your faculty has proven itself invaluable and indispensable in the years since I left your school. If I have 'made good' the credit for it is due to no one else but the Rand School. Practically all of my fellow students in the Full Time class of 1911-12 are today in responsible and essential positions in the Socialist or Labor Movements. The Rand School is doing wonderful work and I know I am not alone in expressing this opinion."

Governor of New York, 1916. "Many, many times Organizer of the Socialist Party. In general, the Full is expanding and growing and optimistic. Time Course has given us a systematic and trained course in Socialism and the social problems of today which has enabled me to go over the country speaking and organizing with marked success. The lectures, reading and study courses at the Rand School are given in so cohesive and connected a manner that six months of studying there are worth six years of study in the usual haphazard fashion."

ROSCOE B. GREENWAY, 1912-13, Pres. Street Railway Workers, Richmond, Va. and a law student in Virginia University, says: "The different phases of work at the Rand School were so interesting and instructive to me that it is rather a difficult task to select any particular one. I will gladly give information to any prospective student.'

JOHN P. BURKE, Vice-Pres. Int'l Bro. of Paper Mill Workers. "Everyone at the Rand School loves

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ab' does not qualify a person for public speaking, and that knowledge is the first requisite of a good speaker.

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